

Children's Department.

FROM THE EDITOR.

Since our last issue we have a number of letters from the little folks. We are glad that they are becoming interested in this department of the EVANGELIST. You remember that some time ago we asked you to write letters, using only 100 words, and then we would see who can tell the most in so few words. You want to learn to be brief. Some of our older people are too lengthy in their communications. You can say a great deal in a few words, if you try.

WHO CAN TELL?

Somewhere in the Bible we read about a good man who had a great many soldiers. The Lord said he had too many, and some were sent home. But the Lord said there were yet too many, and sent others home. 1. Who was this man? 2. How many soldiers had he at first? 3. How many were sent home first? 4. How many then? 5. How many were now left? 6. What did this army do?

"WHEN MONEY FINISH, MOSES FINISH."

ETTA ECKERLE.

You may think this a very strange sentence, and wonder what it means, but let me tell you of this true story.

We have all learned how Jesus, our Saviour, was taken when but a babe from Bethlehem down to Egypt, to escape the cruel hand of Herod the Great. In this city to-day are four thousand souls. There are many queer sights in Cairo, and among them are the donkeys and donkey-boys. These boys with their donkeys take the place of cabs and street cars for those who do not care to pay the high price asked for carriages. The donkeys are gentle and have an easy pace and the boys are bright and intelligent.

About two years ago an American was traveling in this city. In talking with one of these donkey-boys, whose name was Abdul Moses, he asked him if he made much money. His reply was: "Sometimes money plenty, sometimes no money. When money plenty, Moses has plenty friends; everybody say, 'Good morning, Moses'; *when money finish, Moses finish.*" Even the donkey-boy afar over in Egypt has learned what thousands in our own land have sadly experienced.

Multitudes of children are wending their way homeward from our public schools, and often after the crowd has passed gayly on with their laughter, we see perhaps two or three little girls who are left to wander their homeward journey alone, and wishing they could join the merry

crowd. At first sight, we wonder why this is. Are not their hearts as pure and innocent as those of the other children? Alas! Their parents have so little of this world's goods, that the children must go poorly clad. Then we think of the truth of the sentence uttered by the simple Arab donkey-boy. "When money finish, Moses finish." Dear children, as you read this little story, stop and think. Have you ever slighted a playmate, simply because she can not wear as nice a dress and hat as you can, or because she does not live in as fine a home as you do? Remember the Golden Rule, to do to others as we would have them do to us.

Let us be thankful that our dear Saviour of whom we are now learning in our Sunday-school, came to us humbly, sympathizing with the poorest and weakest,—and a Saviour to *all*. And as we study his life, make him our example in every thought, word and deed. If we do this, *we* may be happy, and be the means of helping many other boys and girls to *love* Jesus and *follow* him.

Lanark, Ill.

From Cornell, Ill.

We are two brothers seven and nine years old. We wish to write you a few lines to put in your paper. We are having very cold weather now, eight degrees below zero. Papa will soon fill his ice-house and we will help him. We go to two Sunday-schools every Sunday. We have eleven tame rabbits, two old ones and nine young ones. They are snow white. We have a horse which papa has had for twenty-four years. It is a family favorite with us all. We will try and write again.

LEA F. VANDERREE.

FREDDIE C. VANDERREE.

From North Georgetown, O.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My mamma and papa and I belong to the Brethren church. J. L. Kimmel is our pastor. Seven of us girls in one class in Sunday-school joined church this winter. I am glad the children have a space in the paper. I will answer those questions: This child's name was to be John. His parents were Zacharias and Elizabeth. Luke tells many things about Jesus. It tells about him from his birth to his ascension. MAUD WHITELEATHER.

[Indeed we are glad to learn that your whole class has joined church. We trust all seven of you will prove good and faithful servants of the Master. The Editor is acquainted with your pastor, J. L. Kimmel, and you can be thankful for having so good a pastor.—ED.]

From Summit Mills, Pa.

I will try to write a few lines for the children's column. Our Sunday-school has closed. We have Sunday-school nine months in a year. I missed one Sunday when I went to visit my grandma in Fayette county. My teacher's name is Mary Miller. She is my aunt. I like her very well. I am seven years old. If I see this letter in print I will write again.

JOHN A. RISHEL.

From Fisher's Hill, Va.

I will now try and write a letter to the EVANGELIST for I have not seen any letters from the children for some time. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. If we go nine Sundays we get a nice attendance card. Mamma is my Sunday-school teacher. Our last regular S. S. lesson was The Birth of Christ. Christ was born in Bethlehem. It is a blessed thought that Christ came into the world to redeem all people from their sins. I will now close my letter. Hoping this may encourage the little folks to write again, for I love to read their letters. I remain one of the EVANGELIST readers.

VERNIE M. KELLER.

From Olover Creek, Pa.

I think I will write another letter to the children's page. I go to Sunday-school. My teacher's name is Limmie Dilling. The subject of our S. S. lesson was The Forerunner of Christ. John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ. He was a prophet, but he was much greater than a prophet. His father's and mother's name were Zacharias and Elizabeth. They were very good in the sight of the Lord. It was very hard to be good in those days as most of the people were corrupt. There are not so many people corrupt as there were in those days.

L. G. SMITH.

[You are correct. We suppose you read your Bible, which is right. Can we hear from you again?—ED.]

From Auburn, Ill.

I will write a letter to the EVANGELIST. I saw a piece in the paper last night to the children. I guess many of the little children read it. It has been a long time since I wrote to the EVANGELIST. I go to school nearly every day. I have a sister out in McLouth, Kansas. She has been there nearly all summer. She is staying with mamma's sister. Mamma and my two sisters belong to the Brethren church. Papa belongs to the Conservative church. My oldest brother is teaching school. I will close for this time.

FLORENCE BLACK.